GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified any other places for exploring the Natural Gas during the current year and the next two years;

(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government for exploring the Natural Gas in the different parts of the country during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b):Exploration, an on-going process, is done for oil and natural gas (hydrocarbons) together and consists of seismic data acquisition, processing, interpretation, prospect identification and drilling. Exploratory work has been carried out and would be carried out in the following basins:-

Cambay basin, Himalyan Foothills, Vindhyan basin, Cauvery basin, Krishna-Godavari basin, Upper Assam basin, Assam-Arakan Fold belt, Ganga Valley basin, Rajasthan basin, Jaisalmer basin, Kutch-Saurastra basin, Satpura basin and East Coast and West Coast basin.

(c): The amount earmarked by the National Oil Companies for exploration during the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 isRs.5716 crores approximately.